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1. GOG SPOKESMAN KARACOSTAS IN INTERVIEW WITH AGON (PRO-GOC) CORRESPONDENT (REFERENCED FBIS) ANSWERED QUERY ON GREECE/ CYPRUS RELATIONS BY NOTING "ABSOLUTE CALM IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. NO ONES INTERESTS ARE SERVED BY FAILURE TO CALM SPIRITS, ONLY EVIL AND PROABLY HARMFUL RESULTS WILL COME FROM AGGRAVATION PARTICULARLY IN THIS PHASE." KARACOSTAS IS QUOTED AS ADDING "WHAT PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND NATURALLY ALL OF US MUST KNOW IS THAT CYPRUS AND CREECE ARE ABOVE ALL OF US AND PROBABLY WE MUST SEE THINGS IN THIS SPIRIT IN ORDER TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE IN THE HANDLING OF MATTERS." HE CONCLUDED" AND CONCERNING THESE MATTERS WHICH ARE SO SERIOUS, NEITHER EXPERIENCE NOR INTELLIGENCE MAY BE ENOUGH IF THERE IS NO VERY DEEP AND PAN-NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY." EARLIER IN INTERVIEW KARACOSTAS SAID "THERE IS NO PLACE AT THIS TIME FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN US. THERE SHOULD BE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONOLOGUED. DURING THE PRESENT PERIOD DIALOGUES CAN ONLY

HARM."

2. COMMENT: KARACOSTAS' REMARKS APPEAR CALCULATED TO EASE ATHENS/NICOSIA TENSION. HIS URGING MONOLOGUE NOT KIALOGUE IS PUZZLING AND SEEMS OUT OF CONTEXT WITH REST OF INTERVIEW. ATHENS NEWSPAPER DID NOT CARRY KARAOSTAS' COMMENTS WHICH IS NOT SURPRISING IN LIGHT OF BLACKOUT INSTRUCTION FROM GOG PRESS OFFICE ON REPORTING ATHENS/NICOSIA RELATIONS.
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